

Minutes, board meeting of the PhD student section at LHT

Date: 2011-05-11

Time: 17:00-19:00

Location: Fysicum Sigma

Attending board members: Farzad Foroughi, Karin Westerberg, Maisam Abbasi, Sofia Fahlvik Svensson, Belinda Adler

Other present: Daniel Sjöberg, inspector (until §7), Kerstin Johnsson, faculty board and Edward Linderöth-Olson, TLHT (until §8)

Absent board members: Fredrik Ejserholm

Protocol number: 2011:2

§ Topic

Before the meeting was opened our inspector Daniel Sjöberg presented himself and gave some background of his experience. Daniel was also inspector last year and has been active in both TLTH and the PhD section during his time as a student.

§1 The chairman opens the meeting

Meeting opened

§2 Was the meeting correctly called

The meeting was deemed correctly called

§3 Election of one person to co-sign the minutes

Maisam Abbasi was elected to co-sign the minutes

§4 Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of the equality questionnaire under §11 other questions

§5 Approval of the last meeting minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were approved. It was noted that Sofia is sometimes called Sara in the minutes.

§6 Election committee for external representatives

We need to elect a person to prepare candidates for the positions where the PhD section can nominate student representatives, such as research boards. This person

should also be in the student council. Farzad was suggested and elected as election committee. There was also a discussion on getting an updated list of present student representatives and Sofia is working on this.

§7

Report/Info from the committees/members of the board

a. Student council

i. How is the start up going

There had been two meetings, and one planned for 2011-05-16. Research boards (FN) and faculty committee for research (FB) had one round of meetings. These committees have to report activities to the faculty board and there has been discussion on how to aggregate this and not report for each research subject. Connected to this is the discussion on finding key figures (nyckeltal) to measure the activity in the faculty. It is not entirely clear what these key figures will be used for; we have the opinion that quantitative measures are not enough to understand quality of research education.

ii. Members

There are 11 members in the student council, coming from FB, FN and the Faculty Board

iii. Information of the PhD elected to the Factuality board – Kerstin

Kerstin Johnsson and Elisabeth Joelsson have been elected to the Faculty board by the executive committee of TLTH (fullmäktige). Kerstin gave background on the work of the board. A new strategic plan for LTH will be approved in December and we have begun to discuss it in the research council. A key issue is to stress that the research education is the responsibility of the department and not individual supervisor. The PhD representatives will also discuss with the teacher representatives before the next board meeting.

b. Status: Mc Kinsey

Farzad has been in contact and tried to arrange something but some problems on the McKinsey side has led to that nothing has happened just yet.

c. Status: Translation of documents

So far Karin is trying to locate the original documents.

d. Information about Statutes and Charter changes TLTH

Sofia has been at the executive committee meeting of TLTH (fullmäktigemöte) and the statute changes have been accepted in the first round by TLTH. (They need to be accepted twice). After this we will send up the changes of our statutes to the executive committee for approval.

e. Update: PLUME

The mentorship program is working well with the second common meeting scheduled for 2011-05-12.

f. Info S-LDK (board of Lund University PhD student union)

No one from LDK could join today, but hopefully they will come at our next meeting. The next S-LDK meeting is 2011-06-07 at 16:00, Farzad will try to attend the meeting.

g. Party/Social group

i. Football tournament

Sofia has talked to Fun in Fysicum and the LTH part of the group is excited. They will arrange a football tournament with dinner for all PhD students on LTH. It will probably take place around the end of August, beginning of September. The organizers wanted to know how much it could cost; there is 10 000 SEK allocated for activities in the 2011 budget. We asked them to make up a budget plan.

ii. Other?

It was discussed if we should have a party like the one last year. It was decided that the dinner after the football tournament should be open to all PhD students, not just players. We also discussed that there should be a pub night/After Work arranged quite soon after the football tournament. So we can promote it on the football tournament.

h. Communication

i. With members

We have discussed to go through PhD representatives in boards of departments and Sofia is trying to collect a list. There is an idea to have a lunch/dinner together with all department representatives. Karin and Sofia will organize a lunch for the board and PhD representatives before the summer.

Maisam suggested that we should visit all departments and present ourselves.

We should also present ourselves at the introduction course for PhD students, Hanna Modin does this but is looking for someone new to do it/join her.

ii. Homepage/Facebook

Belinda has added the board members as administrators on the Facebook group. The homepage should be updated and Belinda will see if Fredrik is interested in doing it.

i. Other committees

Maisam suggested a research day, LTH conference or booklet where LTH students can present themselves and find interactions. He also suggested there should be a course in how to be a researcher. These are ideas that we should do in cooperation with other LTH bodies if we want to do them. It was suggested to start small with a half-day event, maybe at one department, and see how it works out.

Farzad suggested that if we could find money to give out travel grants this could make us more noticeable.

§8 Statute: Obligation to be a member of TLTH and the section.

Belinda pointed out that as board members we are obligated to be members of TLTH and the doctoral section. We should make sure that this is what it says on our student cards.

§9 Commission of trust information

We can have our PhD studies extended since as board members we have a commission of trust (förtroendeuppdrag). There is a document¹ (Rektorsbeslut 2006-10-19, dnr I G 9 4011/2006) stating how much time this corresponds to.

§10 Next board meeting

The next board meeting will be held June 14th 17:30 at Design Centrum

§11 Other questions

a. Equality questionnaire.

We have received a questionnaire from the equality committee at TLTH. The discussion was postponed until the next meeting. Sofia will forward the questions to everyone before the meeting.

§12 Short communications

None.

§13 Closing the meeting

Meeting closed.

Signatures

Belinda Adler

Chairperson

Karin Westerberg

Secretary

Maisam Abbasi

Co-signer

¹ This should be reachable from <http://www5.lu.se/anstaelld/forska/doktorand> choosing "Förlängningslistan" but the link does not seem to be working at the moment.